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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISCHARGE OF  
WASTES (HUMAN AND OTHER) FROM RAILROAD CONVEYANCES

REF : STATE 052415

1. QUESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL WERE DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTORATE  
GENERAL FOR RAILWAYS OFFICIAL PROF. CAMPOSANO MARCH 10.  
CAMPOSANO SAID THAT ITALY FOLLOWS UNION INTERNATIONAL DES  
CHEMINS-DE-FER (UIC) REGULATIONS RE WASTE DISCHARGE FROM  
RAILROAD CARS. KEYED TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL:

(A) REGULATIONS, POSTED WHERE APPROPRIATE, ADMONISH PASSENGERS  
AGAINST USING TOILETS WHEN TRAINS ARE STOPPED AT STATIONS AND  
AGAINST THROWING MATERIAL FROM RAILWAY CARS. WASTES, OTHER  
THAN HUMAN, ARE COLLECTED AT TERMINALS. INFRACTIONS OF THESE  
REGULATIONS ARE PUNISHED BY FINES;

(B) UIC RESEARCH OFFICE, UTRECHT, IS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE  
POSSIBILITY OF FITTING RAILWAY CARS WITH TANKS TO HOLD  
BIOLOGICAL WASTES. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO CAMPOSANO, THIS  
PROJECT IS STILL IN THE VERY BEGINNING STAGE AND NO DATE  
HAS BEEN SET FOR ADOPTION. THUS FAR, EUROPEAN RAILWAYS DO NOT  
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FEEL A STRONG NEED FOR SUCH MEASURES;

(C) THUS FAR, NO PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM HAS RESULTED FROM  
THE OPEN DISCHARGE OF WASTES. EVEN DURING CHOLERA EPIDEMICS,  
HUMAN WASTES WERE FOUND TO BE BIOLOGICAL INACTIVE AFTER A FEW  
MINUTES EXPOSURE TO SUN OR COLD. A PROPOSAL, CURRENTLY  
UNDER STUDY, IS THAT LIQUIDS USED FOR THE CLEANING OF

RAILWAY CARS IN TERMINALS SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF THROUGH PROPER  
SEWAGE COLLECTORS RATHER THAN BEING DISPOSED OF IN THE OPEN.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION COULD  
BEST BE OBTAINED FROM UIC.BEAUDRY

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